

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HJR 435**

April 26, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Urges the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to implement and complete a highway improvement project for that portion of I-75, between I-40 and I-24, which will widen such highway to three lanes along the entire length through Loudon, Monroe, McMinn, Bradley, and Hamilton Counties.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures –**

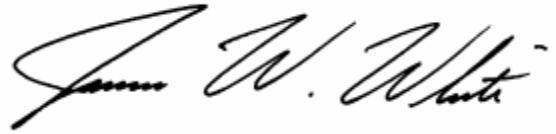
**Exceeds \$109,300,000 per year for 15 years / Highway Fund**

#### Assumptions:

- According to TDOT, there are 89 bridges that would require modification or replacement at an approximate cost of \$10.0 million each (or \$890.0 million total).
- According to TDOT, the portion of highway identified is approximately 75 miles long. Adding an additional lane, both north and south, would add approximately 150 lane miles to the highway system.
- TDOT estimates the cost per lane mile to be approximately \$5.0 million (for planning, right-of-way acquisition, surveying, construction, paving, etc.).
- The project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.64 billion in 2007 dollars (\$890.0 million for bridges + [\$5.0 million X 150 lane miles] = \$1,640,000,000). This estimate assumes zero inflation.
- According to TDOT, it would take approximately 15 years to complete the entire project. Therefore, the increase to state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$109.3 million per year for 15 years ( $\$1,640,000,000 \div 15 \text{ years} = \$109,333,333$ ).

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director